

Quick Guide to Black Studies In Video

Overview

Black Studies in Video features award-winning documentaries, newsreels, interviews and archival footage surveying the evolution of black culture in the United States. In partnership with California Newsreel, the database provides unique access to their African American Classics collection, and includes films covering history, politics, art and culture, family structure, social and economic pressures, and gender relations. Unique features include:

- Quick Search
- Browse videos by title, directors/producers, topics, places, or clips
- Advanced Search

Details

Quick Search

The Quick Search at the top right corner of most pages allows you to do a quick search on keywords across the entire collection. This can be part of the title, or a person's name, or an event or subject.

1. Type in a search term and click **Go**.
2. You may also choose to search a specific field using the **drop-down** list before the Go button.

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On the left side of the page under **Browse** select a category you wish to view. You will see a list of videos for the category you selected.

- You can sort your results list by any column by clicking on that column **heading**.
- There is an **A-Z** list at the top of the table that allows you to sort your results by a particular letter.
- The **historical event** list provides videos that relate to specific topics such as slavery and the Civil Rights movement.

Playing and Navigating Video

Play a video by clicking either on a video **title** or the **play button** next to the title. Your selected video will automatically begin playing in synchronization with the transcript.

- **Play** and **pause** the video with the control just below the video pane, to the left.



- **Increase** or **decrease** the volume by sliding the bar on the control just below the video pane, to the right.
- You can see your **location** and **duration** information, and you can jump anywhere in the video, by using the **timebars** above and below the video pane.
- You can **resize** the video and transcript panes with the controls above the video pane, at the right.
- You can find bibliographic information beneath the video pane, as well as in "**See More Details**" at the top of the screen.

Advanced Search

Click the Advanced Search link at the top of the page. You can search the Transcripts and Notes for any word spoken in the video, Title and Series for a specific video title, Director/ Producer, Language, Year Released, and choose how you would like your results to be sorted.

Additional Features You Might Like

- You can create playlists containing whole works, segments, and/or other items such as links to any URL. Playlists can be annotated, edited, copied, and shared. All playlists contain their own unique static URL. Playlists can be used as lists of personal favorites, class viewing/listening assignments, or as a teaching resource for in-class use. Click on **Playlists** link at the top of the page to create a playlist. Click on the **"plus" icon** next to a video title to add that video to your playlist.
- You can see a list of the newly added content to Black Studies in Video by clicking the **What's New** link at the top of the page.

More Information

- Filmmakers Library Online Help and Support
 - Help Topics - <http://blst.alexanderstreet.com.vlib.interchange.at/help>
 - Search Tips - http://blst.alexanderstreet.com.vlib.interchange.at/help/view/search_tips